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MULBERRY COMMUNITY RESIDENTS SHOW CONCERN AND SUPPORT FOR IMPROVED RECREATION

Elba City Council plays to standing-room-only crowd

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting Monday night was over and the building cleared within an hour, in spite of the fact there was a standing room only crowd present for the proceedings.

The largest portion of the spectators were present to show their concern and support for improving the recreation facilities in and around the old Mulberry School building.

Lisa Williams, who serves as District 1 Secretary, read from a prepared statement expressing the views of the Concerned Citizens of District One and other districts asking the council to consider a 21 point proposal for added recreation facilities in the Mulberry community.

She explained the need for a place for the youth to go after school and during the summer. Something which would keep them off the streets and out of trouble, develop their athletic skills and outlook on life in general.

She also promised a weekly clean-up group from the community to make sure the area is clean and

the equipment is in working order. The list began with a park attendant to maintain order. It also included garbage cans; clean rest room area; a means to sell snacks and beverages to the youth; water fountain; strict law/punishment to any individual who destroys the property in the area; swings; see-saw; tires; monkey bars; slides; asphalt tennis court; reconstruction of the softball field; merry-go-round; picnic benches; bouncing horses; sand box; fence around park; grass cut on regular basis; park signs with rules and a time schedule for opening and closing the park.

Council member Winzel Gray showed the council a petition with over 300 names of community citizens requesting and/or supporting the enhanced recreation facilities in the Mulberry area.

Mayor James Grimes explained that the cost of that work was not in the budget, but it was possible some of the outside work could be done this year and the other budgeted for future years. He also noted that volunteers or matching grant funds could increase the amount of work the municipal funds could ac-

complish.

Grimes also pointed out that the school property does not belong to the city, but is still school board property, he said no extensive expenditure of city funds could be done until the school quits using the facility and the deeds have been transferred to the city.

Grimes also gave the council the legally required semi-annual report on the financial condition of the city.

According to the prepared statement, "The current financial posture of the City of Elba is excellent." Grimes said the city does not have any short term indebtedness.

The only long term indebtedness is \$335,276.00 from the 1969 FHA Sewer Project. This was an original loan of \$410,000 and will pay out in 2010. That loan gathered interest for a couple of years before any payments began, thus for several years, Elba actually owed more than the original loan.

The mayor explained that the city can pay the monthly bills and operate the city but that doesn't mean they can pave streets, construct sewer lines, etc. without outside grant funds.

The six month totals on the financial statement show revenue is 3% above budget, the mayor said. The city has spent 55% of the current operating budget and should stay pretty close to budget for the balance of the year predicted Grimes.

Teresa Street and Cedar Lane Drive will get a new surface after the council approved bids totaling \$20,382.00 from S & C Paving to resurface the two city streets. Both

have been cut extensively during a recently completed sewer extension project.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported there were three bidders on the project, with the highest bid totaling \$22,750.00.

The council accepted the recommendation of Grimes that they postpone the curbing for Teresa Street, which would have cost an additional \$7,517.50.

The council heard Fredrick Ham-

ilton, of South East Alabama Regional Planning and Development, request final approval for plans on a community development sewer improvement grant, application and matching funds. The \$480,000 project will extend sewer lines out 84 East and West. The cost is high, Hamilton explained, because of the need for pumps to get the sewage up

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APPLICATION MADE FOR \$144,800.00 BLOCK GRANT

County moves to expand water system

by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

The Coffee County Commission was in a "request granting mode" Monday morning as they approved several requests during their bi-monthly meeting. Fredrick Hamilton from the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Board was on hand to discuss a proposed water project with the commissioners.

He presented two resolutions for the proposed FY 97 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) project for water system improvements in District One, Commissioner Linda Westbrook's district. The block grants are secured through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

The project calls for the extending of the Jack Water System to service rural residential sections in District One. Presently not being serviced by the Jack, Elba or Crenshaw water systems.

Hamilton estimates the total cost of the project at \$144,800.00 with the county's share being \$72,400.00 and the remainder being funded by the Community Development Block Grant.

Commissioner Westbrook told commissioners that the Jack Water Authority had pledged its support of the project, and is willing to budget funds to be used in meeting the necessary matching funds.

She noted that she is presently working on securing other sources of revenue to be used as matching funds.

Hamilton explained that one resolution was to assure ADECA the county would underwrite the project and the second resolution gave the commission chairman the authority to sign all the necessary documentation.

He noted that the deadline for submitting the application for the grant was May 9, 1997.

Commissioner Stephens expressed concern about the amount of the matching funds being unwritten

by the county.

"That is more than we have ever stood for before," said Stephens.

Hamilton noted that there is a substantial amount of time to secure the funding since it will not be known until September if the county will receive the grant.

"What we can do," said Hamilton, "if the grant is funded and we can't come up with the money, we can either turn it down or ask that it be reduced proportionally."

Hamilton noted that the grants are awarded based on a points system, and by committing to a larger proportion of matching funds increases the amount of points accredited to the grant application thus increasing the chances of receiving the grant.

After several minutes of discussion, the commission voted unanimously in favor of the two resolutions as presented by Hamilton.

Tractor & Equipment Company Watson received quick approval for his request for a vehicle appropriation.

Watson explained to the commissioners that the Juvenile Probation office had been using a 1988 Buick Park Avenue acquired from the District Attorney's office since November 1995.

In February of 1997, the DA's office sent the title and a request for \$1,000 (appraisal price) to the JPO.

Watson told commissioners that the car was in good shape and was very beneficial to the JPO as a back-up vehicle. He asked the commission for assistance in paying for the vehicle.

Commissioner Robert Stephens made the motion to amend the budgeted amount from county funds to the Juvenile Probation Office by \$1,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Turning to other matters, commissioners signed a resolution which requires the county to appropriate funds for the closure and post-

closure expenses of the county-owned landfill.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has mandated that a financial assurance plan be adopted to ensure the necessary funds will be available at the appropriate time.

County Engineer Randy Tindell stated that the county has been setting aside funds for this ever since the landfill was opened. "This action by the commission just makes it official," he said.

Under the heading of old business, commissioners opened and awarded bids on the repair of a D6 and D8 dozer, and the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel for the county highway department.

Heath Gulf Oil Company of Enterprise was the low bidder on both low sulphur diesel and gasoline. Their bids were \$19,777.85 and \$23,165.64 respectively.

The next meeting of the commission is set for Monday, May 12, 1997, at 9:00 a.m.

Other matters acted on by the commission were as follows:

***Engineer Randy Tindell requested that bid invitations be sent out on pipe.

***Reappointed William Mitchell to the Curtis Water Authority.

***Commissioner Kayo Lewis requested the commission consider the closing of Co. Rd. 246 Rowe Bridge Road) north of Pea River. The bridge is no longer passable and has been blocked off.

***Commissioners passed a resolution supporting the construction of a proposed county lake. Several possible sites are being considered; one is in the Double Bridges area off Co. Rd. 636.

NEWS BRIEF

On Wednesday, February 26, a bill for declaratory judgment was filed with the Circuit Court of Coffee County by Richard J. Spurlin, an Elba attorney, on behalf of Theresa Miller. The bill asks that upon a final hearing, the court declare the 1907 Act which divides Coffee County, Alabama, into two divisions null and void. Further, upon final hearing, require the Administrative Office of Courts to select juries, petit and grand, from Coffee County as a whole and require that all sessions of court be held at the only legally mandated courthouse which is located in Elba. Last Friday, April 25, Circuit Judge William A. Barr dismissed the case.

An Enterprise teenager has been sentenced to 25 years in prison. Clarence E. Waite, 17, was convicted of attempted murder in a trial held two weeks ago in Enterprise. He was found guilty in the Class A felony in connection with a shooting incident that occurred at Bates Memorial Stadium during a junior high football game in September of 1995. The youth was sentenced by Circuit Judge Thomas E. Head, III.

The following is a list of the cases that were set for trial and their disposition:

State of Alabama
Vs
Anthony Charles Rivers
He is charged with burglary in the first degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Willie James Daniels
Daniels is charged with rape in the first degree and assault in the first degree. Case continued.

State of Alabama
Vs
Willie Paul Mitchell
The defendant is charged with burglary in the second degree, theft in the first degree, five counts of burglary in the third degree, and five counts of auto burglary.

State of Alabama
Vs
Adam Davis
Davis is charged with murder. Case continued due to forensic pathologist being unavailable.

State of Alabama
Vs
Randy Burks
He faces the charge of burglary in the third degree. Case continued.

State of Alabama
Vs
Michael Lashawn Duncan
Duncan is charged with burglary in the third degree and arson in the second degree. Case continued.

State of Alabama
Vs
Bobby Ray Tyson
The defendant is charged with possession of burglar's tools and unlawful possession of marijuana in the second degree. Case continued.

State of Alabama
Vs
Terry Wayne Maddox
Maddox is charged with rape in the second degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Huey Dickey
Dickey is charged with DUI (Case on appeal from District Court). Case continued.

State of Alabama
Vs
Warren B. Bartlett
Bartlett is charged with DUI (Case on appeal from District Court). Case continued.

State of Alabama
Vs
Bishop Fleming, III
He is charged with DUI and speeding (Cases on appeal from District Court). Case continued.

State of Alabama
Vs
The next term of criminal jury court in the Elba Division is scheduled for August 22, 1997.

Meet Your Elba Police Officers

Meet Police Officer John K. Bryan. John is a native of Washington D. C., and has been a member of the Elba Police Department for two years.

Officer Bryan presently works in the patrol division of the department on first shift and is also an aircraft pilot.

Bryan has been in law enforcement for 18 years. He has attended the police academy and the fire fighting college. John also has a commercial pilot's license and is a certified emergency medical technician.

"The thing I enjoy most about being a policeman is helping people," said Bryan. "I have no dislikes."

John's most memorable experiences as a police officer, so far, was catching a rapist.

He would like to see more parking area in downtown Elba.

Two of Bryan's wishes for the department are: obtain a helicopter and use fixed wing aircraft more.

John's hobbies include building model aircraft, flying, and auto racing.

Bryan, in addition to being a



police officer, is a member of the local unit of the Civil Air Patrol with the rank of captain, and serves as a mission pilot. He also is a member of the Elba and Opp rescue squads.

John is married to Carol A. Bryan and they have two sons, John Jr., and David Bryan.

Free self-defense class is scheduled at local gym

A sexual harassment and rape prevention (S.H.A.R.P.) self-defense class will be held Friday night, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. at Mike's Gym in Elba.

The class will be taught by 4th degree black belt, Jim Patton, and his assistant, 2nd degree black belt, Crystal Wing.

The S.H.A.R.P.'s class should prove beneficial to everyone, but focuses on self-defense techniques for females. Women, young and old, will be able to learn proven techniques to protect themselves should they ever be attacked or threatened.

Parents of high school senior girls may want to consider sending their daughter to this class to better prepare the young women for living on their own in a new college town or city, by teaching them how to stay safe.

Anyone attending should wear comfortable clothing.

There is no charge for this course. It is being presented as a public service to the Elba community.

For more information, contact Miss Wing at 897-6962.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING. The Coffee County Board of Education meets Thursday night (TONIGHT), May 1, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central office in Elba.

VIETNAM VETS. Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Daleville VFW on Thursday (TODAY), May 1, at 6:30 p.m. All veterans and their families are welcome. For more information call 347-1426 or 598-8804.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC. The Coffee County Health Department in Enterprise will have a 2-day Special Walk-In Immunization Clinic for pre-school, elementary & high school, and college students on Thursday and Friday (today & tomorrow), May 1 & 2. Hours are: 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Friday. No appointments necessary on these dates.

COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber located in the New Brockton Town Hall.

D.A.R.E. GRADUATION. Elba Elementary School will hold its D.A.R.E. Graduation on Tuesday, May 6, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. All parents and interested persons are invited to attend.

RELAY FOR LIFE. The 1997 Relay for Life sponsored by the Coffee County Chapter of the American Cancer Society is set for Friday, May 16, on the campus of Enterprise State Junior College in Enterprise. The twelve hour event will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening and end at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

OPEN HOUSE. The Alabama Aviation and Technical College will hold Open House on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Activities will include a static display of civil, military, and home-built aircraft; antique and classic automobile displays; guided campus tours; and departmental displays. For more information call (334)774-5113 or 1-800-624-3468.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

A loyal reader came by last week with evidence of more government waste. She had a huge (250 cc) medicine bottle sent to her from the Veterans Administration. It contained only 30 small pills. Another bottle was smaller, but still much larger than needed and more expensive to mail. We saw this particular incident but our indignant citizen said it is not unusual for others to be just as absurd.

There has been a lot of national press coverage of several U. S. Presidents and General Colin Powell and their push for volunteerism. That is a bit late in Elba, Alabama. There are pictures in this issue of citizens in District One volunteering, on a recent Saturday morning. Several months ago the Chamber of Commerce also sponsored another such group. Volunteers are a good way to get community projects off the ground and to keep them going. We do have a little bit of a problem with President Clinton's suggestion of paying coordinators for these volunteers. Many of us will help when we can, but are a little slow to give our time free when being encouraged by someone paid to pump us up.

There should be some way to put a stop to the problems of the latest confrontation with federal authorities by extremist groups without the use of physical force. The Texas group who think Texas should be a separate country are using harassing legal tactics to get attention and reportedly even money. Regardless of the validity of their claims, filing false liens against public officials, neighbors, etc. just shouldn't be allowed in the U. S. of A. Now they have kidnapped and wounded two neighbors... a retired couple, who just want to enjoy their retirement. Holding them for ransom (exchange of a jailed comrade) is pure extortion and should be prosecuted as such. Authorities have probably let these people get away with their actions far too long. It gives them a false feeling of security in their illegal actions.

The next two weeks are the times to really watch the Alabama Legislature. With neither the education nor the general fund budgets ready for the governor's signature, we expect the usual last minute rush to get something "upstairs." That leads to some bad proposals within those budgets and some bad swagouts with fellow lawmakers to gain the necessary votes to pass anything. There is probably not a single person who ever served in the Alabama Legislature who hasn't voted on a major issue, such as a budget, at the last minute without knowing the full details of the final draft. That can lead to bad, expensive laws.

There have been local citizens expressing interest in helping the flood victims in Minnesota and North Dakota. For the benefit of those, we offer the following: The Salvation Army hotline is 1-800-SAL-ARMY. Our readers know from personal experience what those victims need most. If you would like to give money, it is always the right size and color! Checks marked "Flood Relief" may be mailed to any Salvation Army office or to: The Salvation Army, 2300 Freeway Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55430.

The Salvation Army and the American Red Cross were very gracious with their help to Elba folks in 1990. We openly and strongly endorse any effort to support either of them in their unselfish mission of helping others who are experiencing shocking confrontations with nature.

Already the question around Grand Forks, N.D. is "What will happen after the spotlight leaves." Things will be different. While there is a lot of help... from charities and from the government, all that is promised either never arrives or is never enough. Maybe that is as it should be... in our great society people should expect to do a certain amount for themselves, without depending completely on handouts.

Another chapter in the tobacco war. A federal judge right in the middle of tobacco country has ruled the FDA can regulate tobacco as a drug. With that, it is hard for us to understand why this same judge writes that the FDA can't also regulate the advertising of tobacco. These folks regulate the advertising of all sorts of drugs, and have for many years. Oh well, any change in tobacco use in America will be on the social level and not by government mandate. Already smokers find their actions are unwelcome in many places and just last week several airlines went "nonsmoking" on international flights. That type rule making by business, industry and social clubs plus the frowns of peers will curtail smoking greatly and therefore make inroads into the volume of tobacco products sold. It might even help protect someone's health.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of April 22, 1997 through April 28, 1997. They were: Mary Bryan, John A. Rhode, James Parks, Johnny Williams, Jr., Donald Crook, Jimmy Caldwell, Sabrina Slenker, Selma McCurley, Green Hudson, H. H. Culver, William Crook, Eva Smith, Sara Cotter, Ira Maddox, Joshua Magwood, Mary Brooks, Myrtle Judson, Annie Williams.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: R. J. Lott, Elaine Thomas, Brianna Daniels, Candy Odom, Betty Sams, Joann Rhode, Mary Bryan, Thomas Spivey, Eva Matthews, Mary Kay, Johnny Williams, Myrtle Judson, Lore Smith, James Parks, Selma McCurley, Kadarius Thomas, Sabrina Slenker, Donald Crook, Cory Parker, and H. H. Culver.

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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

A Call to Action to Preserve Medicare

The news was expected to be grim, so it caught few by surprise last week when the government officially confirmed that Medicare's Part A Trust Fund is racing toward bankruptcy. The report of Medicare's impending demise will hopefully set the stage for true partnership between the White House and Congress to finally preserve and protect Medicare for all Americans.

On April 24, Medicare's bipartisan Board of Trustees issued its annual Medicare report. The trustees said, "In the absence of corrective legislation, the assets of the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund would be depleted in the year 2001, based on most probable economic and demographic assumptions." In short, the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund — the fund which Senators depend upon for their hospital coverage — will be exhausted in just four years.

Medicare is in a desperate situation. The Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund lost \$5.3 billion in 1996, the largest financial drop in the history of the program, with the exception of the one-time fund transfer from Medicare to Social Security in 1983. The Medicare Trustees' report offers no optimism with projections of another \$18 billion in losses in 1998 alone.

In 1995, for the first time ever, Medicare started spending more than it took in through payroll taxes. And this year, it's losing a staggering \$40 million a day. If allowed to continue, Medicare's losses will increase the federal budget deficit by \$180 billion by the time it goes bankrupt. The Trustees say Medicare spending will increase on average 8.1 percent while tax income to the trust fund will increase only 4.7 percent.

This gloomy news is a call to action to put politics aside and work

GUEST EDITORIAL

Legislature In Final Weeks of Session

by Representative Garrett Moore

Well, we are two-thirds of the way through the regular session for 1997. According to the Governor, we could be looking at three or four "special" sessions this year. I hope not, not just for the taxpayers sake, but for my sake.

In the House we have passed the Education Trust Fund Budget as well as the General Fund Budget. Both are now in the Senate, where they will surely be changed substantially. This always precedes the final negotiations that occur in conference committee. That's where the two bodies of the legislature each send three voting members to work out the bill that is ratified by a simple majority vote in each house. After clearing these hurdles it must pass the administration's scrutiny so as to avoid a veto.

Last week we passed the Governor's proposed \$700 million bond issue for roads. This will benefit Coffee County greatly if it is able to clear the Senate in substantially the same form. We are in time for additional funds to pave county

roads, replace some bridges, add much needed passing lanes on our north south routes, and many other benefits totaling over \$6 million. The five year plan for extending the four lane westward on Hwy. 84 also will receive a much needed shot in the arm.

The tort reform package that was passed early on by the House has met with the stalling tactics we knew were coming from the leadership in the Senate. The Lieutenant Governor, assigned the bills to Judiciary Committee chaired by Roger Bedford. The bills have, as of this writing, not been voted on by that committee.

Last Thursday we began work on the Welfare Reform Package. We passed one of the peripheral bills and will address the meat of the package this week. Senator Dwight Adams and Roger Smithman along with House chief sponsor Rep. Jim Carrs have worked tirelessly to craft a package that, hopefully, will be implemented. We are under a federal mandate to have some of these laws in place by July 1, 1997 or face losing federal block grants. That's one of the

"specials" the Governor was talking about.

I've begun work on the Child Death Review Panel for the southern region. This panel covers the southern twenty-two counties and is charged with reviewing any death involving a child under the care or supervision of the Department of Human Resources. We are to write a report suggesting modifications in policy or procedure that the DHR could implement to improve in this area. Early indications are that this is not going to be fun, but is obviously important. Commissioner Martha Nachman is to be commended for implementing these panels and giving us autonomy to be critical of her department in a constructive manner. The three panels represent a broad range of individuals, each with their own unique attributes. Doctors, teachers, retired social workers, and members of the clergy are all represented.

Please feel free to contact me at Moore Construction Co., 393-4328 or e-mail me at regmoor@comcast.com. I appreciate hearing your views or comments.



THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE...Angelee Bowers was honored last Friday by her fellow employees at Elba General Hospital. A reception was held in her honor for thirty years of faithful service to the hospital. Angelee was manager of the purchasing department. Pictured above is Ellen Briley (right), Administrator of Elba General Hospital & Nursing Home, as she presented the honors with a plaque of appreciation. Angelee also received several nice gifts from her co-workers. They all agreed that "Angelee" would be missed.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

APRIL 21 Thru APRIL 27, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, April 21, 1997, investigated the following incidents: seven thefts of property, three harassments, four assaults, one burglary, one DUI, two menaces, one criminal mischief, one disorderly conduct, one abandoned vehicle, one failure to appear, and one unlawful use of a vehicle.

Arrests were as follows: one for theft of property, three for harassment, one for making a false report to law enforcement officer, one for disorderly conduct and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: seven for speeding and one for DUI.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
MONDAY, APRIL 21 - River stage - 3.50 feet (6:15 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Taylor Mill Road (11:40 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Smith Ave. (3:14 p.m.); Disturbance reported on West St. (3:59 p.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 87N (9:32 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on AL Hwy. 87N (9:41 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Lee St. (10:42 p.m.).

TUESDAY, APRIL 22 - River stage - 3.52 feet (6:25 a.m.); Wreck reported on Co. Rd. 342 (9:40 p.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 - River stage - 3.79 feet (6:18 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Pine Circle (7:32 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Lee St. (8:53 p.m.); Shots fired at Lake Ridgeway (10:57 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 - Prowler reported at Mullins Apt. (1:21 a.m.); River stage - 4.97 feet (6:15 a.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 189N (9:31 a.m.).

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 - River stage - 4.18 feet (6:47 a.m.); Wreck (minor) reported in the Dairy Queen parking lot (1:23 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (1:34 p.m.); Disturbance reported at the BP Station (1:54 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Putnam St. (2:19 p.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire Co. (7:57 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Legion Field Park (8:18 p.m.); Disturbance reported behind the old high school (11:52 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 - Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (3:23 a.m.); River stage - 4.18 feet (6:05 a.m.); Disturbance reported in Kennedy Estates (11:12 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 - Alarm at Movie Gallery (1:07 p.m.); Fight reported at Brunson Trailer Court (7:40 p.m.); River stage - 8.70 feet (7:42 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Taylor Mill Road (10:43 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Martin Luther King Drive (11:56 p.m.).

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ROBERT INMAN (Bob or Bobby to hometown folks) is shown at a recent autograph session at Whitman's Drugs in Elba. The Elba native continues to move upward with this publication of another novel entitled *Dairy Queen Days*. He has published several books and screen plays. He has had two screen plays made into *Hallmark Hall of Fame* movies.

Area board elects new directors

The Alabama Rural Electric Association held its 50th annual meeting in Montgomery April 10, and elected to the board were the following:

Charles E. Short and Jim Vann of Andalusia; R.R. Johnson, Dozier; and B.B. Sprattling Jr. of Roba.

Short, general manager of Covington Electric Co-op, will serve as vice chairman of the association's board of directors. Vann, general manager of Alabama Electric Co-op, will serve on the association's Legislative Committee. Johnson, chairman of the Cov-

ington Electric Co-op Board of Trustees, will serve on the association's Training and Development Committee.

Sprattling, a member of the Alabama Electric Co-op Board of Directors, will serve on the association's Member Services Committee. Also at the meeting, AREA's "Bill Nichols Award," which pays tribute to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the rural electric program in Alabama, was presented to John Hill, retired general manager of Covington Electric Cooperative in Andalusia.

Young people today are very conscientious about appearance, and it has been said by some teens that "kissing a smoker is like licking an ashtray." That should be sufficient reason to stop smoking, don't you think?

These symptoms include: changes in body temperature, heart rate changes, digestion problems, loss of muscle tone, and appetite increases. The psychological symptoms include: irritability, anxiety, sleep disturbances, nervousness, headaches, fatigue, nausea, and cravings for tobacco that can last for days, weeks, months, years, or an entire lifetime.

Smoking can actually cause or further increase stress, nervousness, and agitation rather than calm a person down.

Since cigarettes are highly addictive, it is easy to understand why one-third of young people today who are just "experimenting" end up be-

Smoking is hazardous to your health

by Connie Brown, staff writer

Cigarette smoking is perhaps the most devastating, preventable cause of disease and premature death in nearly 450,000 Americans each year according to the Department of Health and Human Services. Cigarettes are highly addictive, both mentally and physically, and can serve as a major gateway to other forms of drug addiction. Adolescent cigarette smokers are 100 times more likely to smoke marijuana and are more likely to use other illicit drugs such as cocaine and heroin in the future according to statistics provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration which is a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

One might ask, what are some of the risks associated with smoking? The risks include, but are not limited to: diminished or extinguished sense of smell and taste, frequent colds, smoker's cough, gastric ulcers, chronic bronchitis, increase in heart rate and blood pressure, premature and more abundant hair loss, wrinkles, emphysema, heart disease, stroke, and cancer.

Smoking can lead to many physical problems, including emphysema, heart disease, stroke, and cancer. Keep your edge, smoking makes you smell bad, and gives you premature wrinkles. Play it safe, experimenting with smoking could lead to full fledged addiction and a lifetime of trying to quit. Do the smart thing, smoking puts your health and the health of those around you at risk. Get with the program, smoking isn't "in" anymore; find ways to reduce anxiety, smoking may actually contribute to your state of agitation; Be a real friend, if you know someone who smokes, be part of the solution. Urge your friend to get help and quit.

Young people today are very conscientious about appearance, and it has been said by some teens that "kissing a smoker is like licking an ashtray." That should be sufficient reason to stop smoking, don't you think?

These symptoms include: changes in body temperature, heart rate changes, digestion problems, loss of muscle tone, and appetite increases. The psychological symptoms include: irritability, anxiety, sleep disturbances, nervousness, headaches, fatigue, nausea, and cravings for tobacco that can last for days, weeks, months, years, or an entire lifetime.

Smoking can actually cause or further increase stress, nervousness, and agitation rather than calm a person down.

Since cigarettes are highly addictive, it is easy to understand why one-third of young people today who are just "experimenting" end up be-

ing addicted by the time they turn twenty years old.

If cigarettes are known to kill, why do people begin a habit they know will eventually kill them? Most say it is peer pressure, others say rebellion in young people.

Whatever the reason, the risks far outweigh the pleasures. Second hand smoke is responsible for approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths annually of non-smokers in the United States, thus the argument for smoke-free buildings.

Some quick facts that are pointed out by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention are: Use your head, smoking is responsible for close to 420,000 deaths each year; Stay active, exercising and participating in sports is nearly impossible if you smoke cigarettes; Stay informed, young smokers are 100 times more likely to smoke pot and become addicted to other illicit substances such as heroin and cocaine; Be aware of the risk, smoking can lead to many physical problems, including emphysema, heart disease, stroke, and cancer.

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Department of Rehabilitation has Client Assistant Representative

A Client Assistance Program representative will be in Troy at the Dept. of Rehabilitation Services on Monday, May 5, 1 - 5 p.m., to answer questions and assist clients in understanding the rehabilitation process.

The department office is located at 518 E. Parklane Shopping Center in Troy. Anyone with a disability and in need of information about their particular program may contact the Client Assistance Program at 1-800-228-3231 to arrange an appointment. TDD and Alabama Message Relay calls are also accepted.

Office hours are from 8 until 5. Even though clients may not wish to meet with the representative about their problems or have questions answered.

Vietnam Vets to meet

Vietnam Veterans of America will hold its regular monthly meeting at the VFW in Daleville on May 1, beginning at 6:30 sharp.

The meeting is open to the public, and all veterans and their families are welcome.

For more information call 347-1426 or 598-8804.

Troy State University Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. conferred 1997 bachelor's and master's degrees during TSU's annual winter commencement exercises on Friday, March 14.

Businessman and scientist Dr. Jack Goldfrank was guest speaker. He is president of Mead Coated Board Division. Elba students receiving Bachelor's Degrees in Nursing were: Dana Dean Johnson and Serena Jordan Powell.

From Kinston, Krieti Jones Meeks received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. From Elba Golda Tindol Dolderson received a Master's Degree in Special Education. From New Brockton, Lydia Dawn Nolin received a Master's Degree in Elementary Education.

"Mayfest 97" set for Saturday, May 3rd in Atmore

"Mayfest 97," a celebration of Station's train ride, a petting zoo, spring at Tom Byrne Memorial Park and pony rides for the children. In Atmore, will be held Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Events for the day will include arts and crafts show, quilt exhibition, great entertainment, beautiful baby contest, tennis, softball and volleyball tournaments and great food.

Also, there will be the "Williams Festival" from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, American Cancer Society, and the Northwest Florida Regional Drug and Prevention Coalition for Bay, Holmes, Jackson, and Washington Counties.

For more information call the Atmore Chamber of Commerce at 334-368-3305.

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Social and Community News

Floyds celebrate 50 years together



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Deadline for Social News is Monday!!!!

Elba Nursing Home to celebrate and choose queen

Elba Nursing Home will celebrate National Nursing Home Week May 11-17, and on May 15 will choose a special lady to be named "Ms. Elba Nursing Home 1997."

Twelve of the city's loveliest ladies will compete for the local title, and the winner will join other nursing home residents across the state to vie for the title of "Ms. Alabama Nursing Home 1997."

"Each year this pageant gives us the opportunity to share our most shining assets - our residents and their wonderful personalities - with the community," said Ellen Briley, administrator of the Elba Nursing Home.

"By having the Ms. Elba Nursing Home pageant right here in our residents' home, people who don't get the opportunity to visit a long-term care facility can come in, enjoy a great evening of fun and share in the festivities with our family and get the thrill of their lives in the process."

Competing for the title of Ms. Elba Nursing Home 1997 are Epsie Bradley, Yvonne Williamson, Wanda Messick, Bonnie Johnson, Lola Thomas, Gladys Smart, Catherine Stovall, Gladys Mincey, Vida Rushing, Velma Bradshaw, Sweetie Goodson, and Mennie Hudson.

Those contestants will be judged by a panel of civic and community leaders using several criteria including, but not limited to, their personality and physical appearance in relation to their age, poise, attitude, toward life, and their demonstrated interest and continuing contribution to others.

Winner of the Elba pageant will be eligible to travel to Birmingham on Aug. 12 to represent Elba Nursing Home in the 1997 Ms. Alabama Nursing Home Pageant. The pageant will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Wynfrey Hotel, and will feature local pageant winners from nursing homes across the state.

"Family members, friends, and the general public are all encouraged to visit the Elba Nursing Home during Nursing Home Week," said Ellen Briley, administrator.

The Elba Nursing Home, a skilled nursing facility, provides long-term health care for 101 residents in Elba and the surrounding communities. The facility is a member of the Alabama Nursing Home Association, the state's oldest long-term care association.

Chancellor-Byrd wedding to be held May 10th

Whitney Chancellor, along with Kayla and Brandon Byrd, would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their parents, Candi Stokes Chancellor and Dennis Byrd on May 10, 1997, at two o'clock in the afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Don and Glenda F. Weeks.

Candi is employed with the Prattville Police Dept. - Patrol Division, Prattville, Ala., and Donnie is employed with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Dept. - Warrant Division, Montgomery, Ala.

The couple will reside in Millbrook, Ala.

All friends and relatives are invited. No invitations are being sent.

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WHEN WILL THE LORD RETURN

As we approach the second millenium since the birth of Jesus, talk will increase concerning the end of time. Many have tried to predict the end of the world. No one has been right so far when they have set dates.

Matthew 24 is often misquoted by those who try to see the end of the world as being close at hand. In this chapter Jesus speaks about the temple. His disciples comment on what a magnificent structure it is. Jesus predicts that the time will come when "not one stone will be left upon another."

The disciples then ask Him two questions: First, they ask "When shall these things be?" This question has reference to the destruction of the temple at Jerusalem. This was in regard to his prediction that "not one stone would be left upon another." He gives certain signs that would lead up to that time. These signs were fulfilled and the temple was destroyed in 70 A.D.

The second question that was asked was, "What is the sign of thy coming and the end of the world?" Jesus refused to give them any signs leading up to the end of history and His return. His answer to this question was clear. He said, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, not the angels of Heaven, but My Father only."

Again just before Jesus' ascension, the disciples asked him, "Wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power."

Our job is not to predict the end of the age and the Lord's return. Our job is to witness and work for Him. If we do this, we will be prepared no matter when the end of the age comes.

Homecoming '97 planned at Enterprise Assembly

Homecoming '97 is planned for Enterprise First Assembly of God Church on Sunday, May 4.

Former senior pastor Rev. George Walters, will be guest speaker.

Shepherd's Fold to observe Homecoming

Shepherd's Fold Church of God will have Homecoming Sunday, May 4, beginning at 10 a.m.

Rev. Roy Glass will be guest speaker.

The church choir will sing, with special singing by the Glass Family from Warrior, Ala.

Everyone is invited.

Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street meet

Members of the Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street met April 24 at the HRDC building on Factory St.

Several visitors were present at the meeting, and the group enjoyed a good time of fellowship and playing dominoes, etc.

Plans are underway for more activities for the members.

A delicious lunch was enjoyed by Lou Bowman, Frank and Lennie McCollough, Zedie Boyner, Bonnie Wesley, Arthur and Dodie Hudson, Mary Suley, Iris McDowell, Hugo Smith, Cora McBride, Ailene English, Mary Phillips, Wanda Sasser.

Worship At The Church of Your Choice This Sunday!

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

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Rev. Jonas Rogers

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ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mem. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Milton Harrington
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mem. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
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BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST

Eddie Bass
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mem. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

R.O. Mart
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mem. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

E. L. Hill
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mem. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:30 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH - Faron Golden

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mem. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:30 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Donnie Marler
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mem. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bill Beck, Minister
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Mem. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Marvin Ennis
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Mem. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Danny Sherrer
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mem. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD CHURCH OF GOD

Lamar Dean
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mem. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

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ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - J.E. Wesley

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
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ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - Jimmy Porter

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mem. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy J. Kidd

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mem. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. Robert Paul

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Mem. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Marvin Ennis

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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EANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Bernard Strickland
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mem. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

J.L. Gray
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Mem. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Totten
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Mem. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

FATH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Danny Sherrer
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Scripture: Rev. 3: 14-22

***Thinking of you, praying for you:

Bobby Germany, Collis Belcher, Earl Kelley, Virginia McGowan, the Lindsey Family, W.H. Caldwell, Corine Wilkerson, Ida Phillips, the Wingard family.

***Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Gipps, Opp: Mr. Charles Grace, Andalusia; Hattie Bell Carpenter and Annie Pearl Carpenter, Elba; and Olean Barry of Enterprise visited Grover and Eria Belcher recently.

***Euretha Maki of New Brockton visited Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, Sunday, April 27, for Sunday School and worship services.

***Annual Matrons Day

Annual Matrons Day will be celebrated at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Rt. 4, Elba, on May 4, beginning at 2 p.m. Rev. J.R. Parks is pastor.

Theme: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13

Processional - All matrons.

Devotion by Mr. Culp and visiting officers. Elba Zion Church will render two selections.

Memorial - Mrs. Priscilla Kelly, Welcome and occasion - Mrs. Celestine Kelly.

Mrs. Clara Caldwell will render a solo.

The Matron's Pledge will be by Mrs. Lucile Edwards, and challenge to matrons by Mrs. Annie L. Hooks.

Poplar Springs Choir will render two selections.

Presentation of guest minister by Rev. Parks.

Sermon - Rev. Dr. John L. Gray, pastor of Elba Zion Baptist Church, Elba, and Poplar Springs, New Brockton.

The choir will render a selection.

Offering - Mt. Calvary and visitors.

Recognition of visitors - Mrs. Jossie Caldwell.

Remarks by the president. Other remarks and benediction.

Mistress of Ceremony - Mrs. Catherine C. Neal.

***PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY

The 12th anniversary of Rev. A.R. Williams and family as pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Tarentum Community, Brundidge, will be celebrated Sunday, May 4, at 11 a.m. at the morning worship service.

Guest minister will be Rev. Jerome Williams, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Panama City, Fla.

***23RD ANNIVERSARY

The Spring Hill Baptist Church family of Dozier celebrated the 23rd anniversary of their pastor, Rev. C. Lane, Sunday, April 27, at 2:30 p.m.

Rev. A.R. Williams, Elba, pastor of Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, and Shiloh M.B. Church (Tarentum Community), Brundidge.

Plans are underway for more activities for the members.

A delicious lunch was enjoyed by Lou Bowman, Frank and Lennie McCollough, Zedie Boyner, Bonnie Wesley, Arthur and Dodie Hudson, Mary Suley, Iris McDowell, Hugo Smith, Cora McBride, Ailene English, Mary Phillips, Wanda Sasser.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



by Shan'ta Caldwell
Jeremy Sasser - is the son of Dennis Sasser and Dolores Moore. His hobby is listening to music. He is a member of FFA. He attends New Haven Baptist Church. The thing he likes about EHS is his friends.
Summer Brannan - is the daughter of Shelly and David Wetherell. Her hobbies are going to church activities and listening to Christian music. She attends Elba First Assembly of God. The thing that she likes about EHS is her friends.
Josh Lawford - is the son of Betty and Wayne Lawford. His hobbies are playing basketball, football, and golf. He is an active member of Jr. Beta Club, FBLA, FFA, and Spanish Club. He attends Elba First Assembly of God. The thing he likes about EHS is being in Coach Grimes class.



by Kayron Whitworth
Chris Sasser - Chris is the son of Bruce and Phyllis Sasser. His hobby is farming. Chris is a member of FFA and is a member of New Haven Baptist Church. When asked what he liked best about EHS Chris replied, "Band and football games."
Gunter Akridge - Gunter is the son of Wayne and Gwen Akridge. In his spare time he enjoys drawing. Gunter is an active member of Westside Baptist church. His favorite things about EHS are band and the football games.
Alisha Culliver - Alisha is the daughter of Bill and Barbara Waldon. She is a member of FBLA and also the Assembly of God Church. Alisha's favorite thing about EHS is that the "Faculty and students are always caring and helpful."

Elba Elementary School Menus

May 5 - 9, 1997

Breakfast	Lunch
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Ham with Rolls, Whole Potatoes, Butterbeans, 1/2 Peach, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips with Pork, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chicken with Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Taco/Tostitos, Lettuce, Cheese, Corn on Cob, Applesauce
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Chicken Fillet with Bun, Peas and Carrots, Rice, 1/2 Orange, Milk

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Kelley Seeking State Office

by Brittany McCall
 Leigh Kelley, who was a district FFA officer last year, decided to run for a state office this year. On April 8, 1997, Leigh attended the District Interviews along with three other candidates. These four candidates were competing with each other for the chance to be selected to move on to state interviews in June. Only two of the candidates were chosen to proceed.

The judges asked Leigh, as well as the others, questions about themselves, the FFA in general, and other agricultural issues. Among the four, Leigh Kelley and Jonathan Eubanks from Solcomb were chosen to be interviewed for state offices. These two students will attend the FFA convention where they will be interviewed on June 9, 1997.

These students, as well as others they will compete against, do not compete for a certain office. The judges will decide who they think is the most qualified for each office. Each of the positions must at least be officers representing each of the four districts. The candidates will receive the results of the interview at the FFA Convention on June 12, 1997.



LEIGH KELLEY

EHS would like to congratulate Leigh Kelley on her achievements. Good luck this summer at State Interviews!

FFA Participates In County Events

by Bradley Bowers, Reporter
 The Elba FFA participated in the Coffee County FFA Career Development Events (CDEs) on April 9, 1997 at the New Brockton Farm Center. Participating were the Land Judging Team, Forestry Judging Team, Livestock Judging Team, and Tractor Driving Contest. Members of the Land Judging Team included Josh Dawkins, Corey Adkins, Shanna Tillis, and Jeffrey Pippin. They placed fourth out of five Coffee County Schools. The Forestry members were Trent Calhoun, Josh Mack, Bradley Bowers, and Jake Cowen. They placed third out of the five Coffee County Schools. The Livestock Team placed second. The Tractor Driving Contest was won by Hunter Hargrove and he placed fifth in the county.

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??Question Corner??

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE SAT TESTS?

by Mandy Taylor
Ember Benson - I don't really care but I think all of the preparation before hand is very unnecessary and doesn't do anything.
Leah Stinson - I know it is an important test but I think if they wouldn't pressure us so much about doing good I could relax and do much better.
Melissa Grantham - I think it is an unnecessary test that is over-exaggerated.
Fate Manning - I think it is a test that you have to take, but I am not worried about it.
Raeann McCollough - I think that we shouldn't have to take it because some people may be really smart but not good on tests.
Shanna Tillis - I agree with everyone else.
Aaron Coleman - I don't really care about it.
Julian Mitchell - I feel that they are just a way of seeing how our school compares to others.
Jason Sasser - They're O.K.
Tavanna Rodgers - I think that these tests are a good way to test our knowledge and compare our school as a whole to other schools.
Leah Kelley - I think they are boring and that we spend too much time reviewing for them.
Marsha Mauldin - I hate taking them, but I realize that they are important.
Brandee Farris - Tests don't determine smartness. They are a waste of time.
Anna Head - I really don't feel one way or the other about them.
Andy Daugherty - I hate taking the SAT's, and I wish we did not have to take them.
Andrea Carney - I don't like them because I have to fill in those little bubbles.
Brandee Mann - I think overall the SAT's were easy especially the language and reading comprehension parts.
Garrad Boutsell - They were pretty easy.
Aida Cumberland - I feel that I was well prepared for the reading comprehension, language, and math, but social studies and science reasoning were hard. I think I did well overall.
Anna Campbell - They were very easy.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

by Shan'Ta Caldwell
Chastity Williams - To go to college.
Shan'Ta Caldwell - To go into the military.
Michael Reed - To go to college.
Carla Gray - To go to LBW.
Monica Henderson - To go to college.
D'Undray Peterson - To go to West Alabama.
Renee Nicholson - To go to Auburn.
Brittany McCall - To go to the University of Alabama.

Alabama Forestry Camp

by Glenn Davis
 Alabama Forestry Camp is a week-long experience for high school students interested in conservation and natural resources. It is designed to teach basic forestry concepts through classroom instruction and outdoor activities. The date for the 1997 camp is June 15-21.

The camp is open to students who are at least 15 years old and has completed the 9th grade but not yet finished the 12th grade. Many activities are planned for the day as well as the night. Proper outdoor attire, including good walking shoes, is required. The students will stay in dormitories with adult supervision. Students will be taught by a staff member of professional in the natural resources field.

Bait-And-Switch

by D'Undray Peterson
 In an unethical selling technique called the bait-and-switch method, a retailer lures customers into his store by advertising a well-known product at a very low price. When a prospective buyer asks to purchase it, however, he is told that it is out of stock. The salesperson then tries to sell him an inferior line of merchandise, hoping to pocket a bigger profit. The brand name was used just to get potential customers to step inside.

In a similar way, a false teacher uses Biblical words to capture interest and gain a hearing. He may talk about Christ, redemption, the cross, and the resurrection, but these "trusted terms" amount to nothing more than a come-on. The "seller" uses them to advertise truths that, as far as he is concerned, are "out of stock." When an interested person responds by belief, he is confronted by beliefs that are completely contrary to God's word. Never swallow someone's line just because he uses terms of the Christian faith. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern whether or not the speaker is really being true to the Bible. Then you won't get hooked by false teachers who use the doctrinal bait-and-switch method to deceive their hearers. -MRD II

ESJC HAPPENINGS

Enterprise State Junior College will hold the college's 24th annual Honors Assembly on May 21, at 10 a.m. in the Student Center's Multipurpose Room.

ESJC's outstanding students will be recognized for their accomplishments and achievements. Among them will be recognition of the college's individual divisions' outstanding students.

The ceremony will culminate in the awarding of the President's Cup to the most outstanding student, ESJC's highest honor.

The student selected is a graduating sophomore, but he or she does not necessarily have the highest grade point average. Activities, participation, and leadership, in addition to high grades, are considered in the decision.

The public is invited to attend these ceremonies.

For more information contact Jean Southwell at 334/393-ESJC.

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Valedictorian & Salutatorian

by Tiffany Lewis
 Angie Jinright and Julie Carter have been named valedictorian and salutatorian of the Class of 1997.
 Angie Jinright, valedictorian, is the daughter of Jackie and Robert Jinright. She is a member of the Beta Club, FFA, and FBLA. Angie is the secretary of the senior class and the Beta Club. She is also the Historian of FFA. Angie has received the Chancellor's Scholarship from Troy State University. She plans to pursue a career in Early Childhood Education.
 Julie Carter, salutatorian, is the daughter of Clifton and Gaynell Carter. She is a member of the Beta Club, FFA, FBLA, FHA, the Annual and Newspaper Staff, and SGA. Julie is the President of FFA, Membership Chairperson of the Beta Club, Reporter of FBLA, Editor of the Newspaper, and Editor of the Annual Staff. She has received an academic scholarship from Enterprise State Junior College.

Julie plans to transfer to Auburn University at the Delgado Assembly following the Second General Session. Congratulations to Angie Jinright and Julie Carter, Zion Chapel High School's valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class of 1997!



ANGIE JINRIGHT & JULIE CARTER

The Beginning Of The End

by Amber Shiver
 The Senior class members of Zion Chapel High School have begun preparing for Honors Day. Baccalaureate and Graduation.

Each year, while grades 6-11 are taking the Stanford Achievement Test, the senior class begins practicing for the graduation ceremonies. The practice begins with the seniors being put in alphabetical order and placed in their positions. The seniors then practice the procession, which is the ceremonial appearance of the graduates as they take their positions at graduation, and the recessional which is the exiting of the graduates from the ceremony. The seniors also practice singing the Alma Mater and making their appearance on stage to receive their diplomas.

The seniors practice from 8:15 to 9:00 each morning of the last week of school. They will perform the procession and recessional on Honors Day, which will be held on May 16, and at Baccalaureate, which will be held on Sunday, May 25. The graduation ceremony will be held in Reem Memorial stadium on May 30 at 8 p.m.

Co-Op Creates Business Plans

by Heather Vaughan
 Business plans were created by the Zion Chapel community Co-op class so that students could learn about opening their own business. The project included a business description, a management plan, a marketing plan, and a financial plan. A copy of the student's resume, flyers and business cards for the business, a loan proposal letter to the banker, and a floor plan were required.

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Laura Williams Elected FBLA State President

by Julie Carter
 Laura Williams, a junior at Zion Chapel, was elected president of the Alabama State Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) at the 1997 State Conference. The Zion Chapel Chapter of FBLA was named the state's Outstanding Chapter for the year and Hanna Whit placed third in the Job Description Manual competition.

Laura was elected president after the Chapter successfully carried out a campaign strategy called "A Girl for All Seasons." The campaigning began with a skit on Thursday night, the first night of the conference. Included in the skit were approximately twenty Chapter members who performed various parts and executed a few dance steps.

The characters in the skit were Father Time, Abraham Lincoln, The Easter bunny, a leprechaun, an American soldier, Cupid, Miss Liberty, a girl going on a summer picnic, Christopher Columbus, Frankenstein's wife, a pilgrim, and a Christmas present. The skit was performed by the Chapter members from across the state who were interested in the political contest and who would win. Voting took place at the Delegate Assembly following the Second General Session.

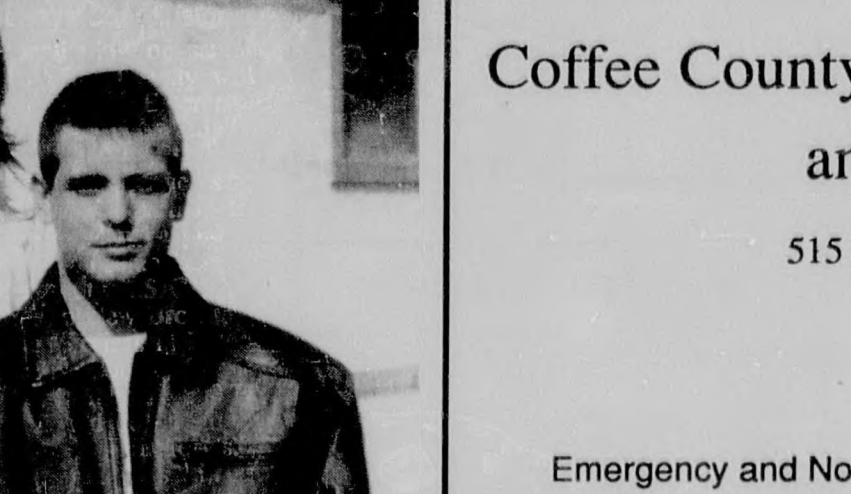
Laura took part in the installation ceremony that took place before the Awards Ceremony and Closing General Session. When this session was over, Coe Wilson, last year's president, turned over the gavel to Laura who adjourned the meeting.

During the business session of the Opening General Session, the Zion Chapel Chapter was recognized for preparing a local chapter annual business report and for participating in a community service project. The Chapter was recognized by the Alabama State Business Education Advisory Council for Outstanding Publicity.

Other awards included a 100% Membership Chapter Award, a 55% Membership Chapter Award, and the Hollis and Kitty Guy Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit. Zion Chapel was named a Rocket Chapter for completing all six steps in the state project, "An American Adventure."

The Outstanding Chapter of the Year is chosen using a point system based on awarding points for certain activities. Points can be earned for holding chapter meetings, for having a radio or television program, for submitting articles to a local newspaper for publicity, or for appearing before a civic or trade group. Undertaking a school service project and

being with faced with drugs.



HANNA WHIT

Students Attend ASF Production

by Vanessa McCraney
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Wednesday - Peanut Butter Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Sir Fry w/Turkey or Steak Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Baked Potato Half, Crackers, Canned Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Honey Bun, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Oven Fried Chicken or Fish Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Spears, Fresh Fruit, Rolls, Cherry Pie, Milk
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Views from

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie has gone to just about every one of her sister's high school softball games this season, and has noticed more than just the score and how many hits everybody gets. Last week she told me that before her softball season started she would need some softball pants and some new cleats. It seems that sister got some new cleats before her season started, and fair is fair. That was one argument I didn't even bother getting into!

ELBA TIGERS CLOSE OUT SEASON WITH 6-16 RECORD

The Elba Tigers put the wraps on a very disappointing baseball season last week with losses to Opp 3-2 and Daleville 16-4, to end the season with a record of 6 wins and 16 losses. The fact the Tigers missed the playoffs for the first time in over a decade was bad enough; however, the 6-16 record speaks for itself about just how bad the season was.

What happened? I guess it would be easy to point fingers, but a better way to look back at the season might just be to look at the younger players that stepped forward and will be coming back next season to try and return the Tigers to their usual spot atop the area standings. Derek Marler did an outstanding job in the outfield and on the mound, and was without a doubt one of the area's top power hitters, while Josh Dawkins also sparked at times both on the mound and at the plate, as did Ronnie Davis, and the trio will all return to give the Tigers a good 1-2-3 pitching staff of any school around. Other starters that will be back for the Tigers in '98 will include Kevin Dodd, Eric Jordan and Dustin Stinson, all of which had solid seasons, and there are even more youngsters that saw part-time duty that should be more than ready to step in and help. The '97 season was one that the Tigers and their fans would like to forget, but it should help fuel the fire next year when the season rolls back around and the '98 Tigers get ready to pay some folks back.

LADY TIGERS READY TO HOST SECTION TOURNAMENT

The Elba Lady Tigers will host the Class 3A, Section 1, High School Girl's Softball Tournament at Hawkins-Williams Park this weekend, and despite their less than impressive 10-17 record, the Lady Tigers should have a solid shot at making a run for the title and earning a ticket to next week's Sub-State action.

The Lady Tigers have been up and down all season, and have lost many of their games because of a lapse in just one inning of the game. An example would be the 14-10 loss to Samson last week, in which Elba allowed 9 runs in one inning and only five the remainder of the game. If the Lady Tigers can play seven good innings if they stay focused and play as a team, it takes more than one home-run or one good play to win a game, and if the Lady Tigers can ever learn that ten can play together as one, they might just surprise themselves. Good luck in the tourney!

Looking at the tournament, the favorites would have to be UMS-Wright, Headland and Rehobeth, all of which have impressive records and are loaded with talent. While many will all but give the crown to the winner of the UMS-Wright-Headland game in the opening round, Rehobeth is also a team to watch and has to be considered just as good as the other two favorites. Elba could pull off a surprise on their home field and make a run at the title; however, this tournament looks mighty tough and the Lady Tigers will have to play their best in every single game to earn a spot in Sub-State.

NOTES IN CLOSING...

***The Dixie Boys Baseball League opened its season last week and the new season should be very exciting, and very different, since on Friday nights the Elba teams will compete out of their league against teams from Luerne and Highland Home. Elba had only three teams in its first year in Dixie Boys, and since a schedule with only three teams didn't look like much fun for anyone, the decision was made to play with the Luerne league on Friday nights and let the four teams in its league compete against the Elba teams. The change will require some travel; however, the travel will always be on Friday nights, not on school nights, and the teams in both leagues will get a better chance to see just how good they really are. It was worth the chance, and only time will tell if it will work.

***The Dixie Youth and Dixie Minor openers set for last weekend got washed out, but all twelve teams will try to get in some action this weekend when all hit the field for another fun-filled Saturday. If the weatherman will cooperate, it should be a big day of baseball.

***A new league in girl's softball this season is the "10 and Under" league, which includes girls ages nine and ten. Last season the nine-year-olds played in a league for girls ages 7-9, but this season the numbers were up, and the decision was made to form the new league. The youngsters might have a few problems early in the season both pitching and hitting; however, once they get some experience I look for the league to take off and be one of the best in the program. Give 'em time!

***The area State Farm insurance agents are sponsoring a Junior Fishing Rodeo this weekend at the Coffee County Lake, and I hope that all the parents that can will take their children out to the lake and let 'em wet their hooks. I know that with all the baillages and various tournaments scheduled for Saturday there will be a lot of people that can't make it to the lake. However, those that can should head on out and let the kids have some fun. By the way, The Elba Clipper and the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation are making plans for a "Parent-Child Fishing Rodeo" for later this summer. Look for additional announcements and additional sponsors in weeks to come.

Junior Fishing Rodeo May 3

The State Farm "Junior Fishing Rodeo" will be held on Saturday, May 10, at the Coffee County Lake. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM, with the rodeo to be held from 9:00 until 11:00 AM.

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THE ELBA CLIPPER MAY 1, 1997

Wins improve record to 10-17

Elba Lady Tigers sweep Zion Chapel 16-4, 28-1

The Elba Lady Tigers got back in the win column in a big way Thursday afternoon as they swept a double-header over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels, in Elba, to improve their season record to 10-17.

Following are highlights of both games:

ELBA 16
Z.C. 4

The Elba Lady Tigers spotted Zion Chapel an early 1-0 lead and then came storming back to rip the Lady Rebels 16-4.

Elba fell behind 1-0 after one inning, but a lead-off home-run by

Deidra Jones ignited a four-run second inning for the Lady Tigers, and a three-run homer by Michelle Lewis sparked a four-run third inning, as the Lady Tigers pulled out top 8-1 in the third and rolled to the big win.

Deidra Jones got 3 hits, including a home-run, to lead Elba, while Amber Frederick and Melissa Mularz both added 2 hits.

ELBA 28
Z.C. 1

The Elba Lady Tigers made it a clean sweep as they scored early and often to blast Zion Chapel 28-1.

A two-run double by Melissa Mu-

larz highlighted a five-run first inning for the Lady Tigers, while Elba added five runs in the second to increase its lead to 9-0.

Zion Chapel got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the second, however, it was the only bright spot for the Lady Rebels, as Elba added 19 runs in their final two at-bats to blow the game open and take the 28-1 win.

Late rally gives Lady Tigers two-game split with Samson

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the Samson Lady Tigers last Monday afternoon at Hawkins-Williams Park and split a double-header to move their season record to 8-15.

Following are highlights of both games:

SAMSON 14
ELBA 10

The Elba Lady Tigers staged a fourth inning rally to pull even, but then saw Samson pull away late and hold on to claim a 14-10 win.

Samson pulled out to an early 9-0 lead and carried the lead into the bottom of the fourth inning, when the Lady Tigers rallied behind two-run homers by Melissa Mularz and Michelle Lewis and plated nine runs to pull even at 9-9.

Samson regained the lead at 13-9 in the fifth, however, and this time the Lady Tigers failed to rally and took the loss.

Missella Mularz got 2 hits, including a two-run homer, to lead Elba at the plate, while Michelle

Lewis also added a two-run homer.

ELBA 14
SAMSON 11

The Elba Lady Tigers salvaged a split of their double-header with an exciting 14-11 win over Samson.

The Lady Tigers fell behind 5-0 in the first inning and trailed 7-3 after four innings, but rallied in the bottom of the fifth and scored 8 runs to grab an 11-7 advantage.

Elba used seven hits in the inning to stage the rally, with a key hit being a triple by Lindsey Jared.

Samson scored three runs in the sixth to catch the Lady Tigers at 11-11; however, Elba's Chastity Williams belted a two-run homer in the bottom of the frame to put Elba back on top 13-11, and the Lady Tigers held on for the win.

Chastity Williams got 4 hits, including the game-winning home-run, to spark Elba at the plate, and also scored three runs. Amber Frederick added 3 hits, while Vaughan Boyd and Telisha Daniels both added 2.

Lady Tigers drop twinbill to Opp Lady Bobcats 16-6, 9-8

The Elba Lady Tigers traveled to Opp last Tuesday afternoon to battle the powerful Opp Lady Bobcats and dropped both ends of a double-header as their record for the season slipped to 8-17.

Following are highlights of both games:

OPP 16
ELBA 6

The Elba Lady Tigers saw an early lead vanish as Opp took command in the second inning and rolled to a 16-6 win.

The Lady Tigers jumped ahead 2-0 in the opening inning on a two-run homer by Chastity Williams; however, the Lady Bobcats answered with 3 runs in their half of the first and 8 runs in the second to take an 11-2 advantage.

Elba pulled within 11-5 in the fifth on a three-run homer by Michelle Lewis, but Opp never lost control and rolled to the 16-6 win.

Chastity Williams ripped two home-runs and collected 4 RBI's to lead Elba at the plate, while Michelle Lewis and Leigh Kelley both added 2 hits.

OPP 9
ELBA 8

The Elba Lady Tigers watched as Opp scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to pull out a 9-8 win, and complete the double-header sweep.

The Lady Tigers grabbed a 5-2 lead in the third inning as Chastity Williams, Amber Frederick and Melissa Grantham all belted consecutive home-runs, but the Lady Bobcats rallied in the fourth and fifth and pulled even at 5-5.

Elba pushed across a run in the top of the seventh to regain the lead 6-5, only to see Opp stage another rally and score two runs in the bottom of the inning to pull out the 9-8 win.

Amber Frederick got 4 hits, including a home-run, to lead Elba at the plate, while Melissa Grantham added 2 hits, including a home-run, and Deidra Jones and Melissa Mularz also added 2 hits.

FISHING SPOTLIGHT

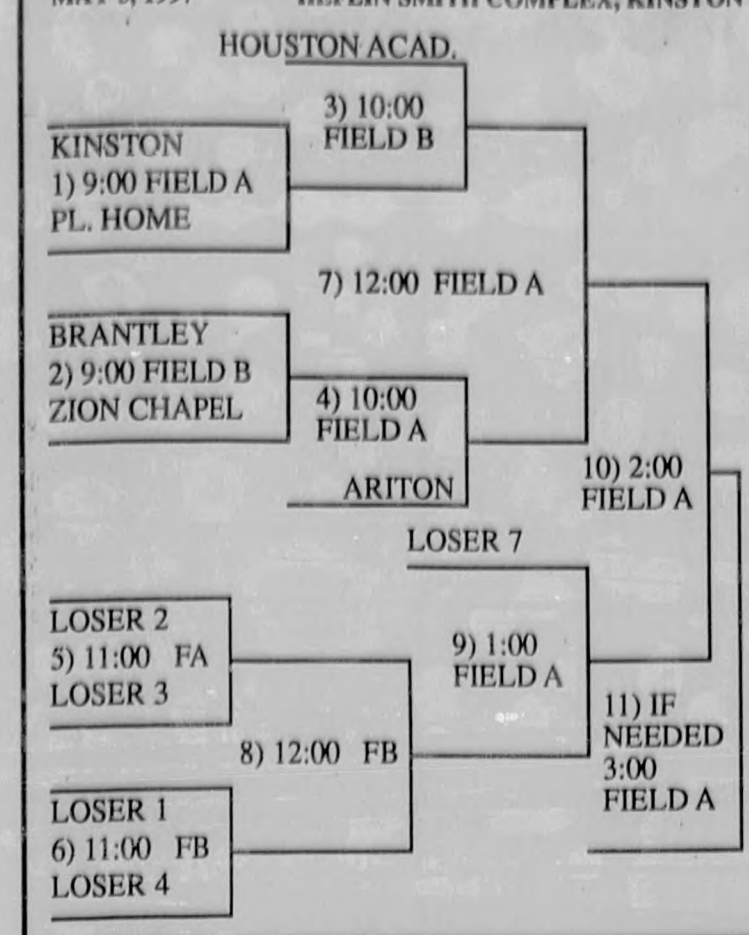


SUCCESSFUL FISHERMEN Kimbo Nickelson and Dougie Marler show off a fine catch of bass they caught recently while floating Pea River from Week's Bridge to Elba. They caught their limit of bass in spite of getting caught in a thunderstorm half way to Elba. Marler claimed theunker.

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RICK B. MADDUX

Air Force Staff Sgt. Rick M. Maddux has been named noncommissioned officer of the year. Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments.

Maddux is a supervisor in charge of the 429th Supply with the 31st Red Horse Flight at Leghorn Army Depot, Italy.

He is the son of James A. Maddux of Rt. 1, Elba, and Agnes Maddux of Talladega, Ala. The sergeant is a 1984 graduate of Elba High School.

ANDREW J. BATTIE

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew J. Battie, a 1981 graduate of Pike County High School in Brundage, recently participated in Exercise Tandem Thrust off the coast of Australia while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Independence, homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

Battie was one of more than 28,000 U.S. and Australian sailors, soldiers, airmen and marines participating in the combined military exercise between Australia and the United States.

Battie joined the Navy in August, 1981.

JOSEPH KOCH

Joseph Koch has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Enterprise.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive college education benefits.

After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Koch, a student at Zion Chapel High School, will report to Ft. Jackson, S.C., for military basic training on June 2. By enlisting he qualified for a \$3,000 bonus.

He is the son of Francis Johnson of Rt. 1, Jack.

COSTELLUS D. LAWRENCE

Marine Pfc. Costellus D. Lawrence, son of Pamela Y. Mitchell of Rt. 4, Elba, recently completed the Motor Vehicle Operator Course.

During the course with Marine Corps Detachment, U.S. Army Engineer School, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., students receive classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction on use of operation and capabilities of Marine Corps vehicles.

Defensive driving techniques, rules of the road and user-level preventive maintenance are also included in the course.

Lawrence is a 1996 graduate of Elba High School.

RANDOLPH SHON WILLIS

Randolph Shon Willis has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Enterprise, Ala.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education.

After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Willis, a senior at Elba High School, will enter military service July 8, 1997.

He is the son of Randolph F. Willis of Rt. 4, and Bonnie Bradshaw, both of Elba.

OSCAR WAYNE SASSER

Army Spec. Oscar Wayne Sasser has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other outstanding accomplishments.

The specialist is a motor transport operator with the 15th Transportation Company at Ft. Sill, Lawton, Okla.

He is the son of Larry Wayne Sasser of Rt. 2, Brantley.

His wife, Shannon, is the daughter of James Crocker of Rt. 5, Elba.

ERIC V. FLOWERS

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Eric V. Flowers, a 1990 graduate of Pike County High School in Brundage, recently reported for duty at Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

Flowers' new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons, and shore commands around the world.

Flowers joined the Navy in August, 1990.

Ward reunion planned for Sunday, May 4

The W.H. (Billy and Mattie Adcock) Ward annual reunion will be held Sunday, May 4, at the Coffee County Extension Community Room in New Brockton.

Relatives are asked to meet beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and enjoy the meal and fellowship.

National Security declares cash dividend

The Board of Directors of the National Security Group, Inc., declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.17 per share at its meeting on April 27.

This represents an annual indicated dividend rate of \$4.68 per share. This cash dividend is payable on May 30, 1997, to shareholders of record May 4, 1997.

Wing receives TSU scholarship recently

Crystal Wing of Elba is the recipient of the "Excellence in Leadership" Award at Troy State University, according to an announcement by Dr. Jack Hawkins, chancellor of the TSU System.

This is a leadership scholarship that provides full tuition.

Wing will be a 1997 graduate of Elba High School. She is the daughter of Bill and Jan Murray.

Troy State University is part of the TSU System, which offers academic programs in Alabama, and on military bases around the world. In national competition TSU continues to prove its effectiveness at providing quality education.

Salvation Army requests items for cleanup

The Salvation Army requests contributions of needed items for distribution to flood victims in Minnesota and North Dakota. "Operation We Care" will continue its efforts toward cleanup throughout the upcoming months until the disaster area is restored.

Items needed are: cleaning supplies, including bleach, disinfectant, cleansers, sponges, buckets, mops, scrub brushes, new rubber gloves and heavy duty garbage bags; personal hygiene items, including deodorant and bacterial soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand cream, feminine products, disposable shavers and shaving cream.

Other items include laundry and dish detergent, paper products including towels, plates, cups, utensils, toilet paper, baby care items (diapers and wipes) and snack items.

At this time the Salvation Army is not accepting contributions of clothing, furniture, blankets, towels, toys or freezers.

Now and through the next several months, the Salvation Army will

"Miss Relay For Life" Pageant to be held May 10th

The first annual Coffee County "Miss Relay For Life" Pageant will be held May 10, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. at the Enterprise State Junior College multi-purpose room.

Categories are: ages 2-4 Tiny Miss, ages 5-7 Little Miss, ages 8-11 Petite Miss, ages 12-15 Junior Miss, ages 16-20 Miss. Registration fee is \$20.00 - admission - \$3.00.

Proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

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AREA DEATHS

EARNEST L. JONES

Mr. Earnest L. Jones, age 90, of Frostdale, Fla., died April 23, 1997, at Lake Wales Medical Center.

He was born in Coffee County on May 13, 1906. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette.

Funeral services were held April 26, 1997, at 2 p.m. from First Baptist Church of Frostdale, Fla., with Marion Nelson Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one sister: Ruby Hemphill, Lakeland, Fla.; a nephew - Don Hemphill, Plant City, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Memorial Fund of Frostdale, Fla.

SouthTrust declares cash dividend

The Board of Directors of SouthTrust Corporation declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$.25 per share. The dividend is payable July 1, 1997, to stockholders of record at the close of business May 30, 1997.

The company's common stock trades on The Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol SOTR.

SouthTrust Corporation operates banks with 520 offices in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

The company offers a complete line of banking and related financial services to commercial and retail customers.

LOUIS TILLIS JR.

Mrs. Louis Tillis Jr. died April 19, 1997, at 7 p.m. in the Enterprise Nursing Home.

He was born July 24, 1925, in Covington County, to the late Pearl Terry and Gene Tillis. He was later adopted by Bonnie and Hanna Warren who preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 26, at 3 p.m. from Daleville Christian Fellowship, Daleville, Ala., Bishop Carl McComb officiating. Burial was in the Hardshell Cemetery, New Brockton, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Louis was married to Mary Hall, and they had three daughters: Mary Sue Redmon III, Betty Cannon (Warren), Atlanta, Ga.; Jennifer Lockett, Ill.

He later married Mary Peardon, and one daughter was born to them: Sharlene Tillis Daniel (Ruben), Lake Wales, Fla.; Michael Tillis, Louis Tillis, Clarence Tillis; eight grandchildren: Lydia Redmon, Carolea Gillespie, Kyona Cannon, Warren Allen Cannon, Brian Black, Yolanda Black, Bradley Neil Daniels, Lakeshia Denise Daniels; eight sisters: Annie Pearl Pruitt, Ozella Head, Beatrice Caldwell (Roy), Sherry Foster (deceased) Burt, Lacie Mae Tillis Diggs (deceased), all of New Brockton; Birdie Love Owens, Lake Wales, Fla.; Glenda Ann Holmway (Willie), Enterprise; Mary Brown (Sgt. Ben), Ft. Rucker, Ala.; two brothers: Willie Bell Turner, Vienna, Md.; Ridge Ray Turner, Lake Wales, Fla.; many nieces and nephews.

LUCILE MADDOX DEVANE

Mrs. Lucile Maddox Devane, age 83, a resident of Wesley Manor Retirement Center, Dothan, and a former resident of Elba, died at Wesley Manor Sunday morning, April 27, following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 29, at 11 a.m. from the First Baptist Church of Elba, with the Revs. Norman C. Simmons and James A. Auchmuty Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the First Baptist Church of Elba, West Simmons St., Elba, Ala., 36223, or to the American Cancer Society, 2246 Montgomery Highway, Suite No. 3, Dothan, AL 36303.

Mrs. Devane was born and reared in Elba, the daughter of the late Charles Henry Maddox and Claude Alice Rowell Maddox. She lived all her life in Elba before moving to Headland in 1989.

She has been a resident of Wesley Manor Retirement Center since October of 1990.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion Alva Devane and a daughter, Sara Louette Devane.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Mackey Sellers, Headland; a son and daughter-in-law, Claude and Page Devane, Milton, Fla.; three grandchildren, Brenton Sellers, Headland; Blakely Devane and Claudia Devane, both of Milton, Fla.; several nieces and nephews.

THOMAS L. JOHNSON

Mr. Thomas L. Johnson died April 21, 1997. He was born December 18, 1937.

Funeral services were held April 26, 1997, at 10 a.m. from Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church, Enterprise, with Rev. Guice, pastor, and Rev. Harry Bridgett officiating.

Burial was in Johns Chapel A.M.C. Cemetery, Enterprise, with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Johnson was born in Detroit, Mich., to the late Henry and Mildred Taul Johnson of Detroit. He later relocated with his family to Enterprise in 1991. He was a volunteer basketball and softball coach for the Enterprise Recreation Dept.

Survivors include: his wife: Deveda Johnson; five children: Thomas L. Johnson Jr., Jacqueline, Detroit, Mich.; Anastasia, Virginia Beach, Va.; Tony Rayshell and Steven, Enterprise; three brothers: Paul and Clark L. Maddox of Detroit; one sister: Tina Pettway, Ariz.; several grandchildren.

A brother, Henry Johnson is deceased.

MYRA JEAN GRISWOLD

Mrs. Myra Jean Griswold, age 69, of New Brockton, died Tuesday, April 22, 1997, at her home.

Funeral services were held April 24, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, with Revs. David Latin, Rex Henderson, and Arthur Emfinger officiating.

Burial was in Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery, with Patterson Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Griswold was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband: Aubrey Griswold, New Brockton; three daughters and sons-in-law: Becky and Steve Averett, New Brockton; Libby and Jeff Kelley, Elba; and Tammy Griswold, San Antonio, Tex.; two sisters: Martha Byrd, New Brockton; and Lynn Grimley, Enterprise; three grandchildren: Dale Averett, New Brockton; Kyle and Katie Kelley, both of Elba.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Jewell Fortner; one brother, James Fortner; and one sister, Ann Richardson.

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144th annual Brunson Reunion held April 20



SOME OF THE MORE THAN 400 relatives who attended the 144th annual Brunson Reunion. It was held at the family picnic area on the Brunson Farm in Elba, on Sunday, April 20.



ARTHUR BRUNSON FAMILY MEMBERS who attended the 1997 reunion. . . Arthur sponsored the reunion for several decades. His oldest son, Fox Brunson, was sponsor for 25 years, and a grandson, Marion Brunson, has sponsored the reunion for the last 20 years.



RELATIVES FROM far and near at the 144th Brunson Reunion. (Front row, l-r): Wanda Patton, Ohio; Kathleen Eastridge, Va.; Jeannette Wolfe, W. Va.; Katrina Vuona, Fla.; Rebecca Creel, Calif.; Kristen Creel, Miss.; (Standing, l-r): Marion Brunson, Ala.; Mildred Arnold, Ga.; Foy Brunson, Fla.; Rhoda Ataway, N.Y.

From near . . . and far . . .

For 144 continuous years the Brunson Reunion has been held. This tradition, believed to be the oldest in Coffee County, began in 1853.

Mathew Brunson and his wife Sarah Blanchard moved their five sons and two daughters to then 12-year-old Coffee County, Alabama.

They soon were joined by his brother, Rev. L.H. Brunson, and his family. Their sister, Amanda Brunson McDermott, and her family also came and established their home.

Representatives from all these families were present at the reunion this year.

The reunion began as a birthday celebration for Mathew Brunson, the family patriarch. It continues to

be held the third Sunday of April each year to commemorate Mathew Brunson's birthday.

The home which he built on his three-section plantation, known as the "Plantation Home," is now the home of "Simply Southern Gifts" in Enterprise. It is believed to be the oldest residence still standing in Coffee County.

During the almost century-and-a-half Brunson Reunion legacy, it has been hosted or sponsored by the late Mathew Brunson I, Mathew Brunson II, Arthur Brunson, Will Brunson, Ben Brunson, and Fox Brunson. The last 20 reunions have been sponsored by Judge Marion Brunson.

Mathew Brunson II and his wife, Nancy Elizabeth Brooks, were parents of nine sons and four daughters. They were grandparents of 96 grandchildren. Representatives from each of these families were present this year.

Barbecue with all the trimmings has been the traditional meal. Individual basket dinners make a bountiful spread under the 60-ft. picnic shelter on the family farm in Elba.

Maynard Brunson and Greg Brunson are in charge of the barbecue meal. They are assisted by several members of the family.

More than 400 members of this pioneer family attended the 1997 reunion. They came from throughout Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and from North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Texas, Colorado, New York, West Virginia, Ohio, Mississippi, and California.

As the perfect day of weather, fellowship and the most delicious food to be imagined came to a close, enthusiastic relatives departed, already excited about returning next year so the Brunson Reunion tradition will continue.

Via Delarosa '97

This is a list of local businesses that helped to make the **Via Delarosa '97 March** a huge success. These businesses care about our community and support the effort to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Living Waters Youth Ministries of First Assembly of God in Elba urges you to support these local businesses when you need a product or a service that they provide, and to be a blessing to them as they have been a blessing to the body of Christ.

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LUTHER ARNOLD, age 90, of Columbus, Ga., was the oldest in attendance at the reunion. He is holding his great, great nephew, TIMOTHY BRYAN BRUNSON, of Elba, the youngest in attendance. He is the 7-week-old son of Tim Brunson, grandson of Maynard Brunson.

ANNIVERSARY CAKE brought to the reunion by Mrs. H.E. (Hope Huey) Lane of Enterprise is admired by Judge Marion Brunson.



BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULT RELATIVES enjoy the food and fellowship at the Brunson Reunion each year.



RELATIVES CATCH UP on the activities of each other as they wait in line for the best barbecue lunch to be found anywhere.



TIME OUT FOR LUNCH in the shade as relatives eat and fellowship at the annual Brunson Reunion.



CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS in Elba's District One collected many bags of trash as they moved through the community on a recent Saturday. The top photo shows city council members Harold Bannin and Winzel Gray, left and right, respectively as they thank Jerry McMillan cleaning the right-away along Highland Drive. The other two groups are shown working in the Mulberry Heights area.

The project was spearheaded by the 28 member Bro's Club and Council man Gray.

Senior Games to be held May 10

Sandra T. Coffey - Coordinator

The largest gathering of senior adults ever in Coffee County will take place May 10 at Enterprise State Junior College for the 9th annual Coffee County Senior Games.

All county residents 55 years or older are encouraged to participate. Registration packets can be picked up and turned in at all senior centers throughout the county, ESJC gym, Extension Office in New Brockton, Dept. of Leisure Services in Enterprise, and Enterprise Country Club.

This year there will be a \$2.00 T-shirt fee. Fees should be turned in with registration and T-shirt forms. Some of the tournaments will be held beginning May 5, with golf starting at 8 a.m. at the Enterprise Country Club.

Bowling games will be held Tuesday, May 6, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Boland Lanes in Enterprise.

Tennis will be played Wednesday, May 7, at the YMCA in Enterprise, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

A bridge tournament will be held Thursday, May 8, at the YMCA in Enterprise, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at noon.

All other events will take place May 9 at ESJC beginning at 8:30 a.m. These include track, walk/run events, basketball throw, putt-putt golf, badminton, swimming, horse-shoes, aerobics, fitness trail, archery, ruck, checkers, line dancing, dominoes, and bingo.



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and down the hills.

The matching portion of the project is expected to be about \$161,000.

Grimes told council members of a scheduled meeting with Rural Development head Harold Home next week. Grimes has hopes of getting more federal help on the major (\$2.8 million) proposed citywide sewer improvement project.

He said that without additional federal help, the prospects for the project over becoming a reality "are slim."

The council discussed leasing out another portion of the old school for a mechanic's shop. The highest offer was for \$50 per month and not the \$100 the council had wanted. A mo-

tion was made to settle for \$75 a month if either of the potential users was willing to pay that amount.

The council authorized the mayor and city clerk to again seek bids on a new street sweeper. Two companies have recently demonstrated sweepers in town.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported he was continuing work toward securing a NCIC machine for Elba. He also said the two recently purchased patrol cars should be arriving soon.

The police department has answered 34 complaints; made 25 traffic arrests, including five for DUI; and made 12 criminal arrests during the past two weeks, according to the

report from the chief.

The council appointed Morrow as a supervisory member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Grimes said this is allowed by state law and necessary at times to have a quorum of the five member board Elba's portion of the cost of the

to conduct business. Wilson Dyess also serves as supervisory.

The mayor reported the new computer for the bookkeeper's office is the council that May 22nd is the bid in place; he is meeting Thursday night with the police chief; city attorney and rescue squad members on a procedure for handling 911 calls.

Morrow also reminded council the 41/2 day work week for the summer is on hold due to some concerns of the Water and Electric Board lane project, funded by the Alabama members; Councilman Gray was Department of Transportation.

USDA considers regulations to address contract poultry growers issues

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has announced that as part of the Clinton Administration's continuing efforts to address the needs of family farmers, USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comments on concerns contract poultry growers have raised about their relationships with poultry companies.

The advance notice was published in the Feb. 10, 1997 *Federal Register*, with the comment period ending May 12, 1997.

As the halfway point of the comment period nears, potential respondents are reminded that GIPSA continues to seek comments from all segments of the industry on the anticipated benefits and/or burdens, especially to smaller operations involving less than \$500,000 in poultry annually, that may result from the rulemaking under consideration.

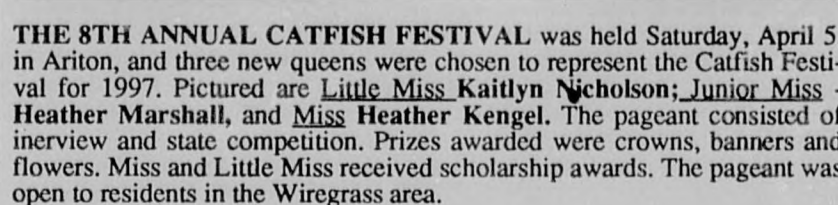
Specifically, GIPSA is seeking comments on (1) grower payments tied to performance of other growers; (2) the accuracy of feed weights, feed delivery, and feed pickup procedures; and (3) procedures for weighing live birds.

The comments received will enable the Department to determine whether, and what type of, additional regulatory action(s) may be necessary to protect contract poultry growers.

All written submissions received pursuant to the ANPR will be made part of the record and available for public inspection. However, GIPSA recognizes that some potential commenters may have concerns that disclosure of their identity could expose them to possible disadvantages in their business.

If individuals wish to submit a comment anonymously, the comment will be accepted, and it will be given the same consideration as all other comments received.

Comments must be submitted no later than May 12, 1997, to Mr. Harold Davis, Acting Deputy Administrator, GIPSA, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Stop 3641, Washington, D.C. 20250-3641, via FAX 202/205-3941; or via e-mail to psp.pigs@usda.gov.



THE 8TH ANNUAL CATFISH FESTIVAL was held Saturday, April 5, in Arlton, and three new queens were chosen to represent the Catfish Festival for 1997. Pictured are Little Miss Kaitlyn Nicholson; Junior Miss Heather Marshall, and Miss Heather Kengel. The pageant consisted of interview and state competition. Prizes awarded were crowns, banners and flowers. Miss and Little Miss received scholarship awards. The pageant was open to residents in the Wiregrass area.

The project was spearheaded by the 28 member Bro's Club and Council man Gray.

Area soldier helps Kurds relocate

The son of an Opp man and grandson of a Kinston man is helping Kurdish families from Northern Iraq re-locate to a more peaceful location.

Marine Cpl. Derek J. Wise, son of Larry J. Wise of Opp, and grandson of H.B. Wise of Rt. 2, Kinston, is providing assistance to the over 6,000 Kurdish evacuees, members of the Iraqi political opposition and their families, as part of "Operation Pacific Haven."

The camp is a former military housing area that has been converted into a small village, and here the evacuees carry on all aspects of their lives, as well as receive cultural awareness training and English classes.

Wise is an Arabic translator and a communications security specialist normally assigned with the 7th Communications Battalion in Okinawa, Japan.

"My normal job in Japan is as a communications security technician, but I was deployed to this operation because of my Arabic language skills," Wise said.

"We live and work here at the Kurdish camp. We have had the opportunity to learn a lot about the culture and interact with the refugees. I've also made quite a few friends who I would like to keep for life,"

Wise said.

"I feel that I have done my good deed here. These people were living in constant fear of death, simply because of their heritage, political views or because they had helped the U.S. before and after the war."

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Second Grade

Brianna Bailey, Sydney Brunson, Brandon Mashburn, Chase Boutwell, Katie Cash, Anton Tillis, Adam Henderson, Randall Tyson, Brian Blair, Chafin Johnson, Whitley Kilcrease

Third Grade

Kayla Kelley, Reynar Rogers, Justin Watkins, Ashleigh Waddall, Billy Crawford, Timothy Jackson, Anna Ma Mauldin, Elena McCormick, Hunter McGuire, Casey Medlock, Kendall Stinson, Duke Carr

Fourth Grade

Cassy Cooper, Kristin Barnes, Malory Allen, Rusty Smith, Alex Benbow, Kaleb Dyess, Ashley Gibson

Fifth Grade

Blake Brunson, Brett Horton, Hannah Martin, Colby Capps, Christy Eubanks, Lance Cross, Mary Katherine Head

Sixth Grade

Samantha Williams, Bart Barnes, Deann Smith, Carla Roberts

"A" & "B" HONOR ROLL

First Grade

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Second Grade

Andrew Blenn, Eric Butts, Emily Driggers, Jacob Forbes, Anna Petty, Tracy Spinks, Ryan McCollough, Brad Sullivan, Kalakia Magwood, Wesley Calhoun, T.J. Gideon, Jennifer Barlow, Kasi McDonald, Chris Boutwell, Justin Cooper, Melanie Mulaz, Heather Reeves, Haley Stinson, Britany Veit, Christina Bryant, Leslie Flowers, Josh Hudson, Whitney Sasser, Blake Berry, Melissa Cook, Stephen Driggers, Jason Johnson, Kimberly Martinelli

Third Grade

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Fourth Grade

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Fifth Grade

Katie Driggers, Ayonna Procter, Ashley Gray, Matthew Curran, Katie Dyess, Rha'shonda Flowers, Kaci Grantham, Rachel Sutley, Andy Waddall, Benjamin Dye, Alex Allen

Sixth Grade

Kristy Ward, Elizabeth Farris, Justin Allen, Chris Brunson, Cherelle Edwards, Katrina Farris, Blake Lambert, Brandon Petty, Devri Kilcrease, Jason Curran, Sheena Flowers, Fredy Mallory, Zach Praytor

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Heart of Dixie Music Park to host Dixie Cowboy Gathering

The first annual Dixie Cowboy Gathering will be held at the Heart of Dixie Music Park in Elba this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4.

The event will feature the top nine cowboy entertainers in the world, including Red Steagall (Saturday) and Riders in the Sky (Sunday).

Other attractions will feature poets, songwriters, composers, and storytellers.

Also featured will be Alinka Boothe Wallace, formerly of Opp, an artist and promoter of western cowboy music.

The Heart of Dixie Music Park is located 4 miles west of Elba on Hwy. 84 (old 166).

For more information call Roger or Pat Boothe, 334/897-8349 or 1-800-695-6830, Ext. 69.

Festival at the Well to be held at Glenwood

The Fourth Annual Festival at the Well will be held Saturday, May 17, in Glenwood, sponsored by the Flowing Well Foundation.

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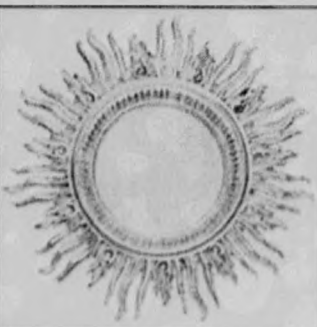
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by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Members of New Brockton's town council concluded their business in less than thirty minutes Monday evening.

Most of the meeting's agenda consisted of routine reports and addressing some unfinished business from last month's meeting.

Ronnie Young, representing Southeast Insurance, appeared before the council requesting an opportunity to quote on the town's insur-

Mayor Britt Lee stated the town would not be considering this matter until September, but would be glad for Mr. Young to prepare a proposal at that time. Members of the council concurred.

Young said that he would meet with the city clerk and obtain the necessary information about sixty days before the insurance is due for consideration.

Clifford and Harold Mapes addressed the members of the council.

concerning an access-to-property problem.

Mapes told the council that a road did lead to his property where he is constructing a home; however, they have been informed that it is a private road and not a city street.

The father-son requested that the road be taken over by the town. After several minutes of discussion, the council agreed to take the matter up with the town's attorney before taking any action.

Mayor Lee informed the council

that a senior aide had been found. He stated that Robert Missidine is now working as a police dispatcher.

"Mr. Missidine started last week and I think he's going to do us a good job," said Lee. "He has a lot of experience in police dispatching."

Annette Williams, New Brockton City Clerk, and Mayor Lee reported that the town's finances continue to be in "good shape."

Lee noted that the town's income for the month was \$27,640.81. He noted that after the bills are paid the

A black and white photograph of a man with glasses, wearing a light-colored shirt and a dark jacket, sitting at a table. He is looking directly at the camera. There are plates of food on the table in front of him.

NINETY-FOUR YEARS YOUNG... Whitman Drug was a busy place last Friday afternoon as friend after friend dropped by to wish Dr. John Kimmey a happy birthday. He was ninety-four years old. Several of the ladies had cooked cakes and there was plenty of coffee and soft drinks for all. Although Dr. Kimmey can't see as well as he used to, he still gets around pretty good for a senior citizen. During his years of practice, Doc delivered hundreds of babies in Elba and Coffee County. A good time was had by all with Dr. Kimmey enjoying the celebration most of all. He loves people.

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

According to Superintendent Roger Bowden, last Thursday's meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was mostly routine. A request for out-of-state travel by Sharon Walker was approved. She, along with several of her enrichment students will be traveling to Atlanta, GA.

David Ritchie, the county school system's architect, informed the members of the board that preliminary plans for the PSCA (Public School & College Authority) projects have been submitted to the state for approval.

Bowden hopes these plans are approved and these projects will be completed by the end of October.

The board adopted text books totaling \$98,000.00 for the coming year. There was one book entitled *The Developing Child* which one board member wanted to review before giving his approval.

The sexual harassment policy pro-

the local system between \$100,000.00 and \$130,000.00 in raises next year.

"We do not know an exact amount because we don't know how many [teachers] are going to sign up for that early retirement," said Bowden.

"We don't get an increase in teacher units from the state, so we'll have to cut three teachers from next year's staff," he added. "It all depends on what comes out of our legislature in terms of funding."

Other matters acted on by the board were as follows:

- Approved the occupational diploma for the vocational students

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by Marvin McLwain • Editor

Shortly before 9:00 a.m. (8:47 a.m.) Monday morning, the Opp Police Department received a 911 call that an armed robbery had occurred at a store on AL Hwy. 134.

According to Coffee County

Farm-City Week wins big again

Sheriff Ben Moates, a young black male robbed a female clerk at gunpoint at Lasco Paris & Sales in the Ino Community.

The 911 call was received by the Opp Police Department due to the fact that the phone service in Ino is on the Opp Exchange.

Opp immediately notified Coffee County and the Elba Police Department. Law enforcement officers responded from Coffee County, Elba, Opp and the Alabama State Troopers.

The suspect took the money and left without anyone being injured in the incident.

The robbery suspect is described as being a young, black male, slender built, approximately 5'2" to 5'3" tall. He was wearing a tan colored shirt, bluejeans, tennis shoes, and had a dark-colored rag tied on his head.

Farm-City Week wins big again

Coffee County's Farm-City Week Committee continues the winning tradition.

During the awards presentation ceremony held in Birmingham, AL on April 28, Coffee County won top honors as best overall in Division I.

The Division I category includes counties with populations over 35,600. Chambers and Cullman counties were runners-up.

This is the third time in the last

The suspect made his get-a-way with a bank pouch (SouthTrust) containing approximately \$150 in cash and several checks made out to the store.

The clerk told authorities that the man came into the store shortly before the robbery and bought an item and left. There were other customers in the store at that time.

The suspect returned a short time later carrying what appeared to be a small caliber rifle. The store was

Anyone who was in the area of the robbery between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., and saw anything suspicious, is asked to call the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at 894-5535.

Sheriff Moates stated that his department has also alerted area banks of the possibility of the man attempting to cash the checks.

State Trooper Dale Cobb, of the

Dothan Trooper Post, was recently recognized as "Wiregrass Trooper of the Year" at an awards banquet held in Dothan.

The award is presented annually by the Elks Lodge #1887 to a trooper within the Wiregrass Area for outstanding dedication and service to the community.

Trooper Cobb was commissioned as an Alabama State Trooper in 1994 after completing a six-month training period at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Facility in Selma, AL.

He served the public safety department for two years as a trooper in Pike County before transferring to Coffee County in January 1996.

Trooper Cobb presently resides in Enterprise and patrols both Coffee and Wena counties.

After receiving the award, Cobb said, "I'm very appreciative to the Elks Lodge for taking the time to recognize law enforcement officers for their efforts."

"Law enforcement officers have a very difficult and very demanding job," he added.

Trooper Cobb vowed to continue to strive to make the highways a lot safer for everyone.

Also attending the awards banquet were Sgt. Hugh Stinson and Cpl. Don Atwell of the Dothan State Trooper Post and Miss Kelly Bradley, Trooper Cobb's fiancée.

A black and white portrait of a man in a military uniform, identified as a member of the 101st Airborne Division. He is wearing a dark uniform with a "101" patch on the left chest and a "101st AIRBORNE" patch on the right chest. He has a serious expression and is looking directly at the camera.

where," said John. "I would like to see the police department keep up too."

"Even though Elba is a small town, we are living in the era of the 90's, and in order to live in this era, one must keep up with the modern technology that is going on in the larger cities," he added.

John and his wife, Christina, have three children: Johnathan, Nicholas, and Isaac.

His hobbies are: hunting and fishing.

REPUBLICANS MEET. The Coffee County Republican Committee will meet Thursday (TODAY), May 8, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. at Ella's Tea Room, located on the corner of Simmons and Polka Streets in Elba. Cecelia Meeks, field representative for U. S. Senator Jeff Sessions, will be the guest speaker.

ELBA BOE MEETING. The Elba City Schools' Board of Education will meet Thursday (TODAY), May 8, 1997, at 5:45 p.m. in the Board Room located in the Superintendent's Office.

POWER OUTAGE. The City of Elba Electrical Department is planning a scheduled electrical outage on Saturday, May 17, 1997. The outage will begin at 1:00 p.m. and last until approximately 4:00 p.m. while repairs are being made to the system. The outage will be rescheduled should it rain.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, May 12, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

RELAY FOR LIFE. The 1997 Relay for Life sponsored by the Coffee County Chapter of the American Cancer Society is set for Friday, May 16, on the campus of Enterprise State Junior College in Enterprise. The twelve hour event will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening and end at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

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His hobbies are: hunting and fishing.



Pictured above is State Trooper Dale Cobb (left) and Cobb's supervisor, Sgt. H. D. Stinson.